

HOOK

CHARADES / GUESSING GAME:

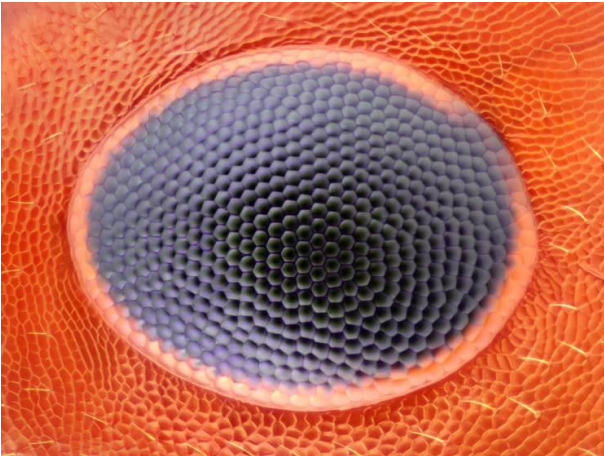
Get kids to guess out words that appear in Psalm 8:5-9.

E.g. crown, sheep, ox, animals (can be any types), birds, fish

Suggestion: **What is this up close thing?**

Show up close photos of these animals for kids to guess.

E.g. this "eye of an ant"



Isn't the world God created so wonderful and marvelous? Nothing is too small or insignificant to Him.

LESSON

We're going through Psalm 8 together.

So far, we have looked at Psalm 8:1-4. (Briefly go through as an intro)

*O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.*

*2 Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.*

We learnt about how God is majestic and deserves all praise and worship ... and we, the babies, infants and young children, can all worship Him all the time.

*3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,*

*4 what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?*

God made all the stars in the massive universe, and yet, we are His brightest stars — the ones God was willing to give His life for.

Today, we will look at the rest of Psalm 8.

*Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.*

*6 You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,*

*7 all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,*

*8 the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.*

*9 O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!*

We are created to reign

God made all the heavens, the moon and the stars, all the planets etc.

God made you and me.

God loves you and me.

Even though we are so small and insignificant, God made us to praise Him and to rule over the world He had made.

Genesis 1: *Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."*

And God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth." And God said, "Behold, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is on the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food.

In the garden of Eden, Adam had full dominion (authority) over the earth and the animals.

Sin took away that right

When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, they lost dominion (authority) over the earth and animals.

The earth was cursed — Adam had to work hard to get food from it, and there were thorns and weeds etc.

Sin led to separation from God — resulting in death, suffering and pain.

Genesis 3:

*cursed is the ground because of you;
in pain you shall eat of it all the days of your life;*

*thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you;
and you shall eat the plants of the field.*

*19 By the sweat of your face
you shall eat bread,
till you return to the ground,*



Jesus came to restore our authority

Sin separated us from God. But Jesus came to reverse that curse by His death on the cross. Because of Jesus, we can have relationship with God and enjoy all He has in store for us.

Because of Jesus, we are blessed! (Psalm 1)

Romans 5:17 *For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive God's abundant provision of grace and of the gift of righteousness REIGN IN LIFE through the one man, Jesus Christ!*



ACTIVITY SUGGESTIONS

SONGS/WORSHIP:

Theme song: How excellent your name is

<https://youtu.be/-a2Ayo8dXtE>

HUDDLE TIME:

Kids to break up in small groups — normally a girls group and boys group works best.

Get kids to take turns sharing prayer points and pray for one another.

Close in prayer.